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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 are presented for examination.
2. The attempt to incorporate subject matter into the specification by referencing to claims 1, 8 and 15 (see specification page 1 paragraph 1 and page 6 paragraph 2) is improper because the specification is supposed to describe invention in narrative English, not by cross referencing the claims. Additionally, the claim numbers may be re-numbered due to cancellation or restriction of some of the claims, it would then become necessary to update the claim numbers in the specification if they appear in the same. A substitute specification in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 (a) and (b) is required. The substitute specification filed must be accompanied by a statement that it contains no new matter.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, USC code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action.

35 U.S. 103 Rejection

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4. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lager et al.(hereafter "Lager")[U.S. Pat. No. 6636502] in view of Boaz et al.(hereafter "Boaz")[U.S. Pat. No. 5333266].

5. As to claim 1, Lager teaches the invention substantially as claimed including: a system for controlling at least two remote mailboxes, located in at least two e-mail servers [Abstract; col. 19 lines 21-31 and 45-58] comprising:

at least a first connection of a packet data system between a wireless terminal and an e-mail server maintaining a first remote mailbox [e.g., an AOL mailbox], and a second connection of the packet data system between the wireless terminal and another e-mail server maintaining a second remote mailbox [e.g., a CompuServe mailbox], wherein the first and second connections are maintained [col.19, lines 45-58].

Lager does not specifically teach that said wireless terminal comprising a control unit for controlling said remote mailboxes with the first and second connections.

However, Boaz teaches an integrated mailing system (IMS) which integrates mail from a plurality of mail servers [Boaz: Abstract: lines 1-6].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Lager and Boaz by providing a controlling unit at Lager's wireless terminal for integrating the simultaneously maintained mailboxes because a joint controlling unit facilitates communications between the user and the plurality of mail servers [Boaz: col.2, lines 6-9].

6. As to claim 3, Lager and Boaz further teaches that an e-mail program [e.g., a browser] is arranged to be used for controlling said remote mailboxes, which e-mail program is provided with the capability to control several remote mailboxes substantially simultaneously, and in which each remote mailbox is provided with a unique identification [e.g., col.19, lines 21-31].

7. As to claim 4, Lager and Boaz further teaches that a notification of an e-mail message that has arrived in one of said remote mailboxes is arranged to be produced for the user, characterized in that said notification is arranged to be provided with a unique identification of that remote mailbox to which the e-mail message has arrived [e.g., Boaz: Fig. 12 and col. 19, lines 24-36].

8. As to claims 5-6, Boaz further teaches that the user in the e-mail program is provided with the capability to formulate and send e-mail messages [e.g., Boaz: Fig. 13].

Lager and Boaz does not specifically teach that the e-mail address of the user to be attached to the e-mail message to be transmitted is arranged to be selected in the e-mail program

However, it is well known in the art to click the "reply" button for replying a message, wherein the original receiving mailbox's address is used as a sending mailbox. In a like manner, one would like to provide a sending mailbox's address that is consistent with an address that the recipient of the mail can be replied to. Since Boaz's

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system integrates existing mailboxes of a subscriber and allow reception of mails from non-subscribers (i.e., the non-subscribers only knows the address of a conventional mailbox), it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the received mailbox as default sending address because by doing so it would make Boaz's system transparent to the non-subscribers.

9. As to claims 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23, since the features of these claims can also be found in claims 1 and 3-6, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 above.

10. Applicant's arguments filed on June 1, 2006 for claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 have been respectfully considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

11. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Conclusion

Examiner note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant.

Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00) .

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571)272-3964. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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